

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. **(CURRENTLY AMENDED):** A portable medication holder for holding a medication container and discharging a liquid agent therefrom, the portable medication holder comprising:

a housing including a first wall forming a chamber or part thereof;

an air pathway passing through the chamber;

a second wall engaging the first wall, and moveable between a closed position in which the chamber and air pathway are sealed and an open position in which the air pathway is open;

evaporation means to assist in evaporation of the liquid agent into air in the air pathway;

a medication discharge chute for directing the air pathway to a user;

opening means for opening the medication container and releasing the liquid agent to the air in the air pathway evaporation means; and

one or more one-way valves to provide uni-directional air flow for one or both inspiratory air and expired air.

2. **(ORIGINAL):** The portable medication holder of claim 1 including the medication container located in the chamber or in fluid communication with the chamber.

3. **(ORIGINAL):** The portable medication holder of claim 2, wherein the medication container is a vial, ampoule bottle or canister and is frangible, at least in part.

4. **(ORIGINAL):** The portable medication holder of claim 3, wherein the liquid agent is methoxyflurane.

5. **(ORIGINAL):** The portable medication holder of claim 3, wherein the second wall is formed as a cover or sleeve.

6. **(ORIGINAL):** The portable medication holder of claim 3 wherein the opening means is automatically activated by moving the second wall to the open position.
7. **(ORIGINAL):** The portable medication holder of claim 3, wherein the opening means includes a striker adapted to open the medication container.
8. **(ORIGINAL):** The portable medication holder of claim 7, wherein the striker is activated by sliding the second wall to the open position.
9. **(ORIGINAL):** The portable medication holder of claim 3, wherein the opening means includes a punch to open a frangible seal in the container.
10. **(ORIGINAL):** The portable medication holder of claim 3, wherein the opening means includes a seat to grip a cap, which may be a screw cap, of the container.
11. **(ORIGINAL):** The portable medication holder of claim 2, wherein the opening means includes a plunger to pressurize and discharge the liquid agent.
12. **(ORIGINAL):** The portable medication holder of claim 2, wherein the evaporation means comprises a wick material.
13. **(ORIGINAL):** The portable medication holder of claim 2, wherein the evaporation means comprises an evaporation plate or plates or a grid.
14. **(ORIGINAL):** The portable medication holder of claim 2, wherein the evaporation means forms a serpentine or tortuous path as part of the air pathway.
15. **(ORIGINAL):** The portable medication holder of claim 1, wherein the medication chute is rotatable between a stowed position and a deployed position.
16. **(ORIGINAL):** The portable medication holder of claim 1, wherein the medication chute further includes a gas line for delivering a respiratory gas.

17. **(ORIGINAL):** The portable medication holder of claim 1, wherein the medication chute includes an auxiliary air inlet adapted for occlusion by a digit of a user.

18. **(ORIGINAL):** The portable medication holder of claim 1, further including one or more wherein the one or more one-way valves are in the intake air pathway to provide unidirectional inspiratory airflow of inspiratory air.

19. **(ORIGINAL):** The portable medication holder of claim 18, wherein the medication chute is in fluid connection with an outlet one-way valve for expired air one or more one-way valves include an outlet one-way valve for expired air and in fluid communication with the medication chute.

20. **(ORIGINAL):** The portable medication holder of claim 19, wherein the medication chute is in fluid connection with a filter for removing medication from expired air.

21. **(ORIGINAL):** The portable medication holder of claim 2, wherein the portable medication holder is sealed against the external environment when not in use.

22. **(ORIGINAL):** The portable medication holder of claim 6 including a strap, preferably a wrist strap, attached to the second wall.

23. **(NEW):** The portable medication holder of claim 2, wherein the opening means opens the medication container and releases the liquid agent to the evaporation means.

24. **(NEW):** The portable medication holder of claim 2, wherein the evaporation means is an evaporation surface inside the medication container.

25. **(NEW):** The portable medication holder of claim 16, wherein the evaporation surface is formed by an absorbent material or wick.